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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1494

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, ENRG, PFOR, TD, JA

SUBJ: DEMISE OF TRINIDAD ALUMINUM SMELTER PROJECT

REF: POS 1465 AND PREVIOUS

1. I HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT JAMAICAN PRIME
MINISTER MANLEY TELEPHONED PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS ON
JUNE 11 TO SUGGEST THAT THE CAPACITY OF THE PROPOSED
GUYANA-JAMAICA-TRINIDAD ALUMINUM SMELTER BE REDUCED TO
70,000 TONS/YEAR, INSTEAD OF THE 200,000 TON CAPACITY
ORIGINALLY PLANNED. DR. WILLIAMS REJECTED THIS SUGGESTION
BECAUSE, AS HE TOLD THE SPECIAL PARTY CONVENTION JUNE 15
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(REFTEL), THE ADVICE AVAILABLE TO THE GOTT INDICATED

THAT THE MINIMUM CAPACITY OF A VIABLE SMELTER WOULD
BE 120,000 TONS.

2. COMMENT: DR. WILLIAMS PROBABLY INFERRED FROM
MANLEY'S TELEPHONE CALL THAT JAMAICA HAS GIVEN FIRST
PRIORITY TO COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLY BAUXITE AND ALUMINA
TO SMELTER PROJECTS IN MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. SUCH AFTER-
THE-FACT CONSULTATION DOUBTLESS STRENGTHENED HIS
DETERMINATION TO VILIFY JAMAICA AND VENEZUELA PUBLICLY
AT HIS PARTY'S SPECIAL CONVENTION JUNE 15 AND TO ANNOUNCE
HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE TRI-NATION
ALUMINUM SMELTER PROJECT. PLEASE GUARD PRIVACY OF INFO
IN PARAGRAPH 1.
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